

This legislation also encourages the Superintendent of the National Fire Academy to coordinate with Federal, State and local agencies to develop the curricula to accomplish that training and ensure that it is available in all geographic regions to both career and volunteer firefighters.

In conclusion, I would just say that this reauthorization of the Fire Administration is vital to those who risk their own lives every day in this nation to protect our citizens and our resources. It provides them with the leadership, the tools, the planning and the training they need to effectively accomplish that mission and I urge my colleagues to support passage of this measure.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the McCain substitute at the desk be agreed to, the committee substitute, as amended, be agreed to, the bill, as amended, be read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment (No. 2207) was agreed to, as follows:

(Purpose: To provide a complete substitute for the language reported by the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation)

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

#### **TITLE I—UNITED STATES FIRE ADMINISTRATION REAUTHORIZATION**

##### **SEC. 101. SHORT TITLE.**

This title may be cited as the "United States Fire Administration Reauthorization Act of 2003".

The committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, as amended, was agreed to.

The bill (S. 1152), as amended, was passed.

#### **PRESERVATION OF EXISTING JUDGESHIPS ON THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 399, S. 1561.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1561) to preserve existing judgeships on the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read the third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (S. 1561) was read the third time and passed, as follows:

S. 1561

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### **SECTION 1. COMPOSITION OF SUPERIOR COURT.**

Section 903 of title 11 of the District of Columbia Code is amended by striking "fifty-eight" and inserting "61".

#### **FAIRNESS TO CONTACT LENS CONSUMERS ACT**

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to consideration of H.R. 3140, which is at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 3140) to provide for availability of contact lens prescriptions to patients, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent the bill be read the third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (H.R. 3140) was considered read the third time and passed.

#### **MAKING FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2004**

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to the consideration of H.J. Res. 78, which is at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A joint resolution (H.J. Res. 78) making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2004, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. FRIST. I ask the amendment at the desk be agreed to, the joint resolution, as amended, be read the third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating to the joint resolution be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment (No. 2208) was agreed to, as follows:

On page 2, line 7, strike "23" and insert "24".

The joint resolution (H.J. Res. 78), as amended, was considered read the third time and passed.

#### **ORDERS FOR FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2003**

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. Friday, November 21. I further ask that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to

date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate then resume consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 6, the Energy Policy Act, and that there then be 60 minutes equally divided between the chairman and ranking member of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee; provided that the final 10 minutes be divided between Senator BINGAMAN or his designee in control of the first 5 minutes, and the chairman or his designee in control of the final 5 minutes on the motion to invoke cloture on the conference report.

Mr. REID. Reserving the right to object, I appreciate the majority leader allowing the full 60 minutes after the prayer and pledge.

I ask, so there is no confusion on this side—this has been cleared with Senator BINGAMAN—the time on our side be allotted as follows: Senator LIEBERMAN, 4 minutes; Senator MCCAIN, 4 minutes; Senator CANTWELL, 3 minutes; Senator SCHUMER, 4 minutes; Senator JEFFORDS, 4 minutes; Senator COLLINS, 4 minutes; and the final 5 minutes, as pursuant to the intended order be Senator BINGAMAN.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### **PROGRAM**

Mr. FRIST. Tomorrow morning there will be 1 hour of debate prior to a cloture vote on the energy conference report. I hope the Senate will be able to invoke cloture on this long overdue issue. It is important that the Senate invoke cloture to allow the Senate to have an up-or-down vote on the bill that will strengthen the Nation's energy security by establishing a national energy policy.

I would also announce that the conference committee on the Medicare reform legislation has finished its work. That conference report will be filed in the House. We hope to consider and complete that measure just as soon as possible.

In addition, we have the Appropriations Committee which is completing its work on the appropriations process. And we will shortly consider that conference report as well.

Having said that, we will have roll-call votes tomorrow. A number of people have asked about the weekend schedule, and we have been very clear over the last week and a half that we will be in session this weekend. But the specifics of the weekend schedule, hopefully, we will be able to announce sometime midday tomorrow.

#### **ORDER FOR ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order, following the remarks of Senator GRASSLEY and Senator DODD.